

LAKE CO. WANTS A MAN ON STATE TAX BOARD

RUSSIA TO SPEND BILLION DOLLARS IN U. S. NEXT YEAR

U. S. BANKER CLOSES DEAL IN MOSCOW

Vanderlip Syndicate is to Act Fiscal Agent For Parties

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MOSCOW, By Wireless to Berlin, Nov. 11.—The Soviet government of Russia has contracted to purchase \$1,000,000,000 worth of merchandise in the U. S. in 1921 through the syndicate headed by Washington Vanderlip, a banker of Los Angeles, Cal. It was announced here by Mr. Vanderlip before his departure for Reval in a special train. The American financier said he was well satisfied with the result of his negotiations with the Soviet government and this sentiment was echoed by Russian officials. The commercial order secured here for fulfillment in the United States is the biggest in the history of the world.

AGENT REJOICE

The correspondent of the International News Service met Mr. Vanderlip at the foreign office just after he had signed the contract for a long lease on a gigantic slice of Siberia and Kamchatka—a tract of land as big as an empire. The banker was smiling and happy over the success of his deal. He gave the International News Service the following signed statement:

"For the foreign press and the American people:

"It has been brought to my attention that our secretary of state Mr. Bainbridge Colby, made a statement to the effect that I had been in Moscow in connection with the Russian revolution. (now President-elect) Harding, negotiation for recognition of Soviet Russia by the U. S. I came to Russia to acquire for the Vanderlip syndicate on terms of sixty years, 400,000 square miles of Russian territory rich in oil, coal and fish. This acquisition gives the U. S. control of the oil situation on the Pacific. I have also obtained an understanding whereby the Russian government will purchase in the U. S. during 1921 merchandise worth \$1,000,000,000, offering in payment gold, platinum, furs, oil, products, manganese, copper, timber, pulpwood, hides; grain and other raw materials.

READY FOR SHIPMENT

"Great quantities of these supplies are ready for immediate shipment to America. The commodities are needed in the U. S. will be distributed throughout European countries. In a few months the unsettled conditions in the far east, which have enabled Japan to secure almost a complete monopoly on trade, will be brought back to normal conditions and goods purchased in America will move freely from all Pacific coast ports over the Chinese Eastern railway and the Siberia railway, as well as the Baltic Sea ports the Murmansk ports and the Black Sea ports.

RUSS GOVERNMENT CAPABLE

"The Vanderlip syndicate purposes to act as fiscal agents for the Russian government immediately upon restoration of trade traffic and the abandonment of the British blockade. The Russian government is perfectly capable of carrying out any trade contracts between it and citizens of the U. S., because it is to the interests of the Soviet government to develop economic relations such as stipulated by this contract.

ALL PARTS TO BENEFIT

"All parts of the U. S. will benefit by the restoration of trade relations—from California to Maine, from Washington to Florida. Easterns will expand and up on the West. Farmers, merchants and all classes of labor will share in the prosperity. If the opportunity of American trade will no longer tolerate the restrictive conditions now prevailing in Europe that will not only give the opportunity to bring peace and reconstruction to the world. The keynotes of these conditions is the opening of trade relations between the U. S. and the Soviet Russian republics.

REBELS ARE SOME OF THEM

The following is a list of goods which Vanderlip said he had purchased in the U. S. by Russian government through the Vanderlip syndicate:

One hundred steamships, 2,000 river steamships, 500 boats and launches; 500 electric locomotives; 5,000 airplanes; 2,500 military automobiles; 500 sets of telegraph and telephone apparatus; 5,000 sets of electric block systems for the railroads; 10,000 gold storage plants; 2,500,000 gold mining; 1,000 excavators; the new railway construction; 250 dredges for

Did You Hear That

C. Y. WILLIAMS represented the Hammond chiropractors at the Logansport state convention this week.

ATTORNEY HENRY CLEVELAND is thinking of attending the Yale Harvard football game a week from Saturday.

WEST HAMMOND folks are speculating on who their next chief of police will be. The city council meets tonight.

R. C. PIERCE and W. J. McAlister each made 45 on the Country Club course this week and the championship is still undecided.

IT was all that George Debbins could do to receive its annual musicals a repetition of his famous armistice day parade today.

CHARLEY TRUE hopes that the new republican administration will be able to do something about the street car service in this vicinity.

THE Hammond Country Club is preparing to receive its annual musical show stunt and a lively affair is on tap early in December.

DOC YOUNG will take his babe to Gary next Sunday where, according to all reports they will have a session and of tattle to line up on the grid.

JIMMY TROST, city court bailiff went out hunting rabbits with a bunch yesterday and today is laid up with a badly sprained ankle from stepping into a ditch.

RESIDENTS of Thornton were all excited this week over the report that the old Standard Brewery one of the oldest in the state, was to resume operations at once.

THE Erie and Gary & Western railroads are putting in new cross-ties at the Sibley car crossing. This should eliminate some of the rattle and racket for a while.

B. J. STEELMAN is still howling about the way Doc Shanklin kipped him out of \$10 for a chunk of meat loaf at the Presbyterian Men's Club banquet Friday night.

NOT mentioning any names, we know a w. k. Hammond man who made a mess of home brew last week and opened a bottle last night. He is now in the market for a diving suit.

WM. HOIN has just returned from a very successful hunting trip to the North Michigan woods. He reports lots of partridge and prairie the hospitality of the Indians.

JOHN OLSON, a Green Line motor-man, lost a valuable watch chain this morning while engaged in a friendly scuffle at Calumet ave. and Summer st. and is anxious to recover it.

IT doesn't matter how busy he is, H. C. Minas is always ready to stop and chat for a moment with somebody about Crown Point, his boyhood home for which he has an abiding love.

CHARLES SURPRISE is the latest to fall for a Ford. He has a new sedan and yesterday was using it to show the city to his father and mother who had come up from Lowell for a little visit.

WHILE the court house displayed no flag today, the barren pole looked about as well as several of the old discarded remnants which flattered from other poles all summer and were still kept there today.

A VEHL Automobile, license number 230,230, burned up in front of Harry Nelson's home on Calumet ave. This morning while the owner was looking for a garage man to find out why the car wouldn't run.

IRVING CHAYKEN superintended the installation of several big boys of color at the Masonic Temple this afternoon. He was on tap this evening during the American Legion dance which is free to the public.

CITY JUDGE THEO. KLOTZ was sick yesterday but he had little rest while at home. Men summoned for jury service next Saturday hounded the life out of him trying to get executed. He said "No" to all of them.

"If the people of Hammond knew how many improvements are needed on the inside of the Hammond schools, they wouldn't be so solicitous about the appearance of the grounds outside," said a member of the board of education.

ATTY. MILB BRUCE is proudly displaying two fine ears of yellow corn which came from his brother's farm at Bruce Lake. One of the ears has twenty-two rows of kernels on it which is considerably more than the average.

DR. G. L. SMITH, who has successfully treated osteomyelitis, neuritis, sciatica and rheumatism, within the past few hours, attended a Rotary club meeting and smoked a cigar the other day and he is that the clouds have rolled by and he is.

ONE Hammond woman says she did not stand up and face the cat this morning. "You see, I was in the bath when the cat came in," she was asked to explain, "but I just didn't want to stand up and face the cat."

"THE" JURY of Hammond, who was summoned to the town district court for a session on Nov. 11, to hear the case of a woman who had been charged with the theft of a gold watch from the store of a local jeweler, was held in session at 10 o'clock today.

THE Hammond school levy is divided as follows:

Education tax	\$100,000
Public school fund	250,000
School bonds	100,000
Kindergarten	100,000
Total	\$550,000

Improve

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Henceforth, all advertising copy for publication must be in THE TIMES OFFICE not later than 11:30 A. M. the day before publication, with a limit of 77 inches. Three-quarter and full-page ads must be in 48 hours before publication.

TRAFFIC STOPPED

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1921 TAX LEVY SHOWS INCREASES

CROWN POINT, Ind., Nov. 11.—Auditor G. M. Poland and his sidekick, Harry Gordon, the official tax collector for Lake county, today turned over to Treasurer Harry Gordon for publication as required by law.

Sharp increases in the levies all over the county are noted, but the public has been warned for this as the levies have generally been known for some time. It must be made to bear the burden of deficits due to the closing of the year.

In analyzing the levy in general it will be seen that the great increase is not due to the state and county levies, but to the school levies.

The state tax board in the short and stormy career started out to make a good showing. Tax levies submitted to the board were paid and trimmed, added to and then passed and trimmed again. The schools must raise the levy to meet the state tax board's demands.

It is well known that the levy of the larger cities of the county have been running in debt. The school levy is an unfavorable levy, but it is met by borrowing money. This was done earlier by levying short time notes or taxing bonds and today each school corporation has a credit in debt many thousands of dollars.

Hammond, which needed two new school buildings and as well as another, was forced to put up with a conservative makeshift. Salaries were increased and the actual running expenses of the school were doubled.

Under the act of the special session of the legislature the taxing power was put back where it had been and counties now may make their levies high enough to meet the needs of the communities. With the high cost of operation, the schools must raise enough additional money to pay off the indebtedness which has accumulated in the past years. This is a big task.

Following are the levies for the different townships and corporations of the county as submitted by Treasurer Harry Gordon, showing the increase and the amount of increase and the portion of it which applies to school purposes.

NEW 1921 LEVIES PAYABLE IN 1921

City, Town or Township

North T. \$1,100,000

Calumet T. \$1,100,000

West T. \$1,100,000

East T. \$1,100,000

South T. \$1,100,000

Central T. \$1,100,000

West Cal. T. \$1,100,000

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BETZ CLOSES ONLY FOR SHORT SPELL

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